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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2003. A petition to extend the time of response from October 25, 2003 to December 25, 2003 is submitted herewith. The submission of this paper on December 29, 2003 is timely as December 25, 2003 was a Federal holiday and December 26, 2003 was a Federal holiday within the District of Columbia. Please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.